Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all previous versions and listings of claims in the application:

- 1-62. (canceled)
- 63. (previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid comprising:
- (a) the extracellular domain coding sequence from within the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6
 - (b) the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6;
- (c) the full-length coding sequence from within of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO
- (d) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209786.
 - 64. (canceled)
 - 65. (canceled)
- 66. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 63 comprising the extracellular domain coding sequence from within the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6.
 - 67. (canceled)
- 68. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 63 comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6.
- 69. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 63 comprising the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6.
- 70. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 63 comprising the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209786.
 - 71. (canceled)

- 72. (canceled)
- 73. (canceled)
- 74. (previously presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of Claim 63.
- 75. (previously presented) The vector of Claim 74, wherein said nucleic acid is operably linked to control sequences recognized by a host cell transformed with the vector.
 - 76. (previously presented) A host cell comprising the vector of Claim 74.
- 77. (previously presented) The host cell of Claim 76, wherein said cell is a CHO cell, an *E. coli* or a yeast cell.
- 78. (currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule <u>consisting of an</u> at least 20 nucleotides <u>fragment of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6</u>, or a complement thereof, <u>that specifically in length that</u> hybridizes under stringent conditions to:
 - (a) the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6 or a complement thereof;
- (b) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209786 or a complement thereof;

wherein, said stringent conditions use 50% formamide, 5 x SSC, 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 6.8), 0.1% sodium pyrophosphate, 5x Denhardt's solution, sonicated salmon sperm DNA (50 μ g/ml), 0.1% SDS, and 10% dextran sulfate at 42 °C, with washes at 42 °C in 0.2 x SSC and 50% formamide at 55 °C, followed by a wash comprising of 0.1 x SSC containing EDTA at 55 °C.

- 79. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 78 that is at least 50 nucleotides.
- 80. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 78 that is at least 60 nucleotides.

- 81. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 78 that is at least 70 nucleotides.
- 82. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 78 that is at least 80 nucleotides.
- 83. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 78 that is at least 90 nucleotides.
- 84. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 78 that is at least 100 nucleotides.